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VBT planners seek to keep trucks off Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Truckers were charged with ignoring Van Buren Township's agreement with Costco to avoid heading south on Belleville Road to I-94 and to use Ecorse Road to I-275 instead.

At the regular meeting of the township planning commission on Aug. 14, the request of Costco for preliminary site plan approval to add a cold storage facility to its 5860 Belleville Rd. location was considered, and finally approved.

The Costco project is a 54,200 square foot cold depot addition with a 2,700 square foot office addition and related site improvements. It is located on Costco Wholesale's 71.56-acre parcel on the west side of Belleville Road south of Van Born.

The first approval for the project was in 2018 and there have been some issues with the trucks going all the way down Belleville Road to I-94, against the agreement, which was to use Ecorse, said the consultant from McKenna Associates.

He said they are trying to address the concern and are working with the county to improve the signage.

Ryan Hartsuff of MG2 spoke on behalf of Costco Wholesale and said they have just shy of 300 trucks per day. He said the new construction will help process the trucks and get them off Belleville Road stacking.

He said they are working with the county to erect a sign at the northwest corner of Belleville and Ecorse roads to direct truckers to Ecorse. Hartsuff also said they are redistributing flyers to the truck drivers and inform them they will get a ticket if they go south.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked the staff to pull police reports on how many tickets were issued for this since 2019. He said with hard numbers, "…we can be convinced

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Fire Department held an open house on Saturday to show off its new $481,000 fire truck, now in use, and the upgrades to the interior of the fire hall. Fire Chief Brian Loranger, left, and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Zweng stand in front of the new vehicle. There was a chance for children to use a hose to squirt out a fire, tours of inside the trucks and fire hall, and food to eat. Scott Hall of R&S Security paid $368.10 to provide the food for the event, Zweng said.

School board OKs VBEST contract after 8 months of talks

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a two-year contract -- July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 – with the Van Buren Educational Support Team, VBEST.

This agreement comes eight months after the beginning of negotiations on the contract.

VBEST approved the agreement at 6:30 p.m. Monday, just before the 7 p.m. school board meeting.

Human Resources Director John Leroy, who was negotiating for the district, hurriedly passed out photocopies, before the board meeting started, that he had just made of the details of the agreement.

The agreement continues the attendance bonus of $1,000 per semester, details on holiday pay, overtime pay will be paid for more than eight hours a day or Saturday and Sunday, pay period details, credit for experience in other districts, $3,500 sign-on bonus for certified drivers, paid training for drivers.

The big change was the wage scale, with the 10 or 12 steps reduced to eight larger steps for advancements. Department wage scales were created with increases for all

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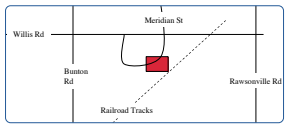

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School Board

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positions. The district will pay $125 per year for clothing allowance. Work days increased from 6.5 to 6.75 hours.

The vacancies, transfers, and promotions will be posted electronically.

"We still had ditto machines in our contract," said VBEST president Chrystal Lampinen.

Bus driver pay for this school year goes from $23 per hour to $26.50, and aides go from $16.60 to $19.40. Paraprofessionals for this school year go from $18, $17.60, and $16.60 for different classifications, up to $20.80, $20.40, and $19.40.

Pays in other classifications also rose for this school year and next school year, including transportation, paraprofessional, custodial, maintenance, building and grounds, and mechanics.

In June, 40 frustrated VBEST members attended a school board meeting asking for respect and higher pay. A VBEST speaker at that meeting said she got an email the previous week saying there had been a solid offer on a wage raise, but it has been taken away to force the union to "give up its rights of collective bargaining."

"It's not just about wages," she told the board in June. "It's respect … to pay what we deserve. Some of our administrators got raises at the last board meeting. What did they have to give up? … We ask you … to respect the work we do every single day," she said in conclusion and the audience erupted in lengthy applause.

There was no comment from the board at that time.

Also, at the Aug. 25 meeting the board:

• Approved the renewal of three years of cyber security awareness training services from KnowBe4 at a total cost of $37,160.05 funded out of the IT Department software and subscription budget. IT administrator Sean Garland said malware and ransomware attacks are on the rise and insurance payouts to recover data have skyrocked. Email phishing campaigns are the most prevalent tactic used to deliver these attacks into a target network. End-user security awareness training is recommended on an ongoing basis as a way to help mitigate these attacks, Garland said;

• Approved renewal of a three-year subscription to GoGuardian Suite for a total cost of $107,100. This provides tools for managing and monitoring the technology used by students in the district. It includes GoGuardian Teacher, to give teachers a real-time view of what websites or apps students are using on their devices and the ability to refocus one student or an entire class by closing tabs, blocking websites, and pushing content directly to the students. It also includes GoGuardian DNR and Admin, which filters content and monitors internet usage;

• Held the second reading and gave final approval to updates for 43 board policies, as recommended by Thrun Law Firm;

• Approved the resignations of teachers Alexandria Davis of Savage, who resigned Aug. 9 after zero years of service, and Ann Marie Epperson of Belleville High School as of Aug. 21 after 22 years of service;

• Approved the employment, all as of Aug. 28, of the following teachers: Satonyia Griffin for BHS math; Emma DiBenedetto, for BHS chemistry; Jacob Levine for Owen sixth grade; Courtney Mahle for Savage kindergarten; LiKina Turner for McBride counselor; and Virginia Thorne-Herrmann, for BHS vocal teacher;

• Approved the resignations of the following non-instructional staff: Benjamin Joseph from BHS after three years of service; Devontae Crimes from transportation, after two years; Amanda Swank from transportation, after less than a year; Doris Biles from transportation, after two years; and Amanda Kolawle from Owen after one and a half years;

• Approved the recommendation for hiring the following non-instructional staff: Gary Story, custodian; Richard Wegienka, custodian; and Willie Allen as Student Support at Rawsonville;

• Heard Julien Frazier say the U.S. Department of Education is auditing the Michigan Department of Education and the MDE chose Wayne County schools for it to audit as part of the federal audit. Frazier said MDE officials are expected to be walking the halls in January to make sure that "free and appropriate public education" is available here;

• Heard Leroy say the district still needs a couple of social workers and a third-grade teacher, but otherwise is fully staffed;

• Heard School Supt. Pete Kudlak report that on its next school board agenda, the district will have a proposal to buy a couple of electric school buses. The district applied for a Michigan Clean Bus Energy Grant and got the $1.3 million it requested. That will buy two buses and infrastructure. He said the district won't have to buy diesel fuel and will get 125 miles per charge;

• Heard Leroy say that Frazier did a great job teaching Crisis Prevention and Intervention training to the staff, showing how to restrain students; and

• Heard board president Amy Pearce report that the board toured Tyler and McBride before that night's meeting. She also reported that she went to band camp. The new patio in front of the band room has its engraved bricks, although there are some typographical errors in the engraving that have to be fixed.

Board treasurer Simone Pinter and board member Kelly Owen were absent from Monday's meeting.

City Council meets in special session to oppose radioactive waste

Mayor Ken Voigt called a special 6 p.m. Belleville City Council meeting for Aug. 26 to pass a resolution opposing radioactive waste scheduled to be disposed of in Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates and Councilman Randy Priest were unable to attend and Councilman Jeremiah Beebe couldn't get there until 6:20 p.m., so the meeting went into recess until he arrived.

That's when the resolution was passed by the three-member quorum: Mayor Voigt, Councilman Beebe, and Councilwoman Julie Kissel. The resolution was to be taken to the Wayne County Commission meeting the next day when it planned to discuss the radioactive waste. Mayor Voigt said he and city manager Jason Smith planned to attend the commission meeting.

Mayor Voigt said the resolution was in support of the resolution recently signed by the Council of Western Wayne.

City manager Smith said Belleville Lake is less than 2,000 feet from the entrance to the landfill and the city limits are 2,800 feet from the landfill entrance.

City of Belleville
Resolution No. 24-028
Resolution Expressing Concern Regarding the Radioactive Waste scheduled to come to Wayne Co., MI

WHEREAS, Belleville residents have raised previous concerns over hazardous waste traveling through Wayne County and being disposed of at Republic Services' Wayne Disposal and Michigan Disposal, and

WHEREAS, Wayne Disposal is preparing to take 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of groundwater contaminated with elevated radiation from the Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, New York, which from 1944 until 1952 served as a primary storage location for wastes and byproducts associated with uranium ore refining; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a multiyear project to remove the elevated radiation wastes from the Niagara site, and

WHEREAS, 25 semitrailer loads a week of the radioactive waste would be shipped on local highways and roads to Wayne Disposal, in Van Buren Township, beginning in late August and expected to continue through January 2025, and

WHEREAS, City of Belleville and Wayne County officials were not notified of the upcoming transport of radioactive waste through our communities, and

WHEREAS, public safety issues of this magnitude affect the entire western Wayne County region and the surrounding communities in Michigan, putting our residents, motorists and infrastructure in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Belleville officials and residents have no say in what occurs at Michigan Disposal, although it directly impacts the health and welfare of our communities and all of Wayne County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Belleville formally requests that Wayne Disposal reconsider accepting radioactive waste, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that The City of Belleville encourages the Federal Government to seek alternative solutions to disposing of their radioactive and hazardous waste that does not jeopardize our citizens and infrastructure, including changing interstate agreements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Belleville further requests that local city, township, village, and Wayne County officials be notified in advance of all transport of the referenced waste, including but not limited to; specific safety measures during transport, routes of the semitrailers and what dates and times these semitrailers will be traveling through Wayne County communities.

Brianna Hootman, clerk/treasurer
Kenneth R. Voigt, mayor

Belleville DDA selects low-bidder

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority selected low-bidder Davenport Construction of Belleville to tear down the buildings behind the former hardware store on Main Street and construct an extension of the city parking lot there.

Total cost, including a 10% contingency, is $316,091, and that includes demolition of the buildings.

Five firms bid on the project. The base bids were:

• Davenport - $287,355;
• True North - $309,086;
• ASI - $325,495;
• Brencal -- $381,176.59; and
• T&M - $424,312.25.

Mayor Ken Voigt, who sits on the DDA, said that Davenport did that original city parking lot 12-15 years ago. A light was put on Rae Thom's property and the city had to pay for a right of way because of the engineers' mistake. He said Thom was nice about it and he emphasized the mistake was not made by Hennessey, the city's current engineer.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Sumpter needs to get a handle on illegal slaughtering

We remember when Three Farmers applied for a license to turn the former dog kennel on Bemis Road into a slaughterhouse. It took them a very long time to jump through all the hoops, but now it is being held up as a good example of a place to get halal-quality meat. Sumpter should be proud of that business.

Besides Three Farmers, there are other legal halal slaughterhouses in the area that can be patronized, including Michigan Halal in Wayne, Berry and Son in Detroit, and Wolverine in Detroit. And, there are hundreds of halal markets throughout Wayne County.

Then, there are the few in Sumpter Township who are performing backyard slaughtering without proper licensing or zoning, seeking to avoid licensing, business expenses, and permits like other local businesses have to have.

They are causing problems in the rural neighborhoods that are used to the smells of farming, but not the rank smell of dead carcasses – some thrown out on the ground or in dumpsters -- so close to the neighbors' homes.

Sumpter needs to get a grip on these backyard slaughterhouses that buy animals in quantity, have them delivered, and then kill them and sell the meat at their doorsteps, with no signs in the yard. The Right to Farm Act does not allow this kind of activity. And, Freedom of Religion does not mean you don't have to follow the rules everyone else has to follow.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

There wasn't enough room in the upstairs meeting room at the Belleville Area Museum last Thursday. The "Eloise" presentation was scheduled and many, many people wanted to see that and there is only so much occupancy allowed.

People were turned away and there were tears, we're told.

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A couple who lives on the other side of the closed Denton Road bridge dropped by to see when it would be replaced. The woman said Beckley Road is graded now, so that's not a problem, but the bushes along the sides of Beckley are so overgrown there are some places there is only room for one car to drive.

She said she's sure it affects businesses in Belleville because it used to be a short trip over the bridge to get to town and now it's so long, some people don't even come into town to patronize the businesses.

I told her Sumpter residents also complain about the overgrown sideroads in their township and the safety of people trying to exit their driveways. They are county roads and the county isn't cutting.

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At last week's Belleville City Council meeting, city manager Smith reported that the Five Points flagpole broke and they took the flag down for a day and then it was fixed. Then they signed a contract with a flag company for service.

He also reported that a Harbour Pointe roadwork pre-construction meeting was set for last Friday and the project begin date may be moved up. The city received $175,000 from the state for that project.

Also, the no-parking signs are up in Victoria Commons and the permits for permit-only parking are on order; and portable signs saying "no school drop-offs" have been delivered. They will be ready when school starts.

Also, John Juriga reported that about 500 people came to each of the nine concerts at Music Lakeside this summer and the Horizon Park restroom wasn't good, so the Methodist Church opened its doors so concert-goers could use its restrooms and put up signs that the church was open.

The Methodist Church also has been a rain location for the concerts for many years. The council decided to honor the church at a future meeting.

Those items were at the end of last week's report on the city council meeting and we didn't have room in the paper to publish that news. Now you have it all.

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A man who has lived 50 years in Canton called last week to tell me about a slaughterhouse that has moved to Sumpter and used to be in his neighborhood, at 4125 Barr Rd. He read last week's story on the Elwell Road slaughterhouse in Sumpter. The man said when neighbors complained in Canton, the police didn't know what to do with them because of their religion. He said they had bought Bob Boyer's former slaughterhouse in Canton in 2018.

He said Pulte Homes built a residential development and put up a 20-foot berm to hide it from their residents. The slaughterhouse did religious ceremonies outside and killed animals there. He said when the wind was right he could hear the animals cry when being killed. He said they finally sold the property and they moved to Sumpter.

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Fuse, a group of teenagers and adult sponsors from Bethany Bible Church, asked the city if there was a project they could do for them, without charge, and assistant city manager Steve Jones suggested cleaning out the thorny weeds growing in the chips in the children's play area in Village Park. It was hard work and took most of Saturday, Aug. 10, and one corner was still left to be done. Jones said he will write a thank-you note to the workers.

The church has been involved this summer, as in past summers, with a "Rent a Teen" program which is for church families to hire the students (and staff) to work for them on a Saturday, then the family donates to the mission program a gift of their choice. The congregation participated in a "bottle and can" return. And, the children in Vacation Bible School brought in their change to add to the whole project.

With all of that, the church was able to deliver to the missionaries from Spain a $1,500 check when they visited the church Aug. 18. This is for a project they are adding to their work in Spain. The church has helped to support them since the late '70s, along with around 30 other missionaries and organizations.

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Van Buren Township residents have recently shared experiences of late mail delivery or not receiving their mail at all. Those who contacted the Belleville Post Office were told there were not enough mail carriers to deliver the mail. To my knowledge, they have also not received information regarding a recourse for recovering missing mail, a timeline for resolution of the issue, or reassurance that the USPS intends to prevent reoccurrences.

It is critical Van Buren Township residents receive their mail in a timely and efficient manner. To that end, I am requesting updates from the Belleville Post Office regarding labor shortages and resulting mail delivery delays, specifically including information on how the USPS plans to address staff shortages, achieve daily deliveries, and prevent further delays.

The Belleville Post Office provides essential mail and package delivery services to neighborhoods across Van Buren Township, and it is critical you have the tools you need to function effectively. Please let me know what support is necessary to ensure residents receive consistent and timely mail deliveries. I look forward to working with you to ensure the community is well served by the USPS.
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To the editor:
Belleville Community Chorus: Something for everyone!

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Take myself, for example. Several years ago I saw info about the BCC on the community marquee; you know, the brand-new one we have on Main Street! I immediately, initially, dismissed it because I do not read one single note of music. But ignoring the fact that I am a loner by nature, I searched and found BCC's Facebook page and asked if the ability to read music was mandatory to join the group. Someone on the other end informed me that it was not and I needed to come check it out.

Heading out to BCC rehearsal, on a rainy, spring afternoon, I met my daughter in the driveway and made her come with me. She actually can read music, as she was in the VBSD music program since fifth grade. Guess what, we have been involved ever since. I'm even on the board of directors.

There are two sessions a year ending in a spring concert and a winter concert. The concerts usually have a theme, which could contain show tunes, folk, rock, classic, pop tunes and also provide for possible special selections such as solos or duets or small group numbers.

Claudia Roullier, founding member and board president, is a delightful and informative asset to our community chorus. She, along with the other "ole time members," will make everyone feel welcome. There are also scheduled social events and fundraisers for members, their friends, families and neighbors.

The fall/holiday session gets under way Monday, Sept. 9, at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles, Belleville, MI 48111. Check out their website, Facebook page, and concerts on YouTube. Or, just come on down!

If you like to sing and have a love of music, we hope to see you there soon.

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Obituaries

Joan Bondie

JOAN BONDIE
(March 22, 1940 – August 25, 2024)
Joan Bondie of Jackson, Michigan, formerly of Ypsilanti, and Belleville, age 84, passed away Sunday, August 25, 2024, at Chelsea Hospital. She was born March 22, 1940, in Steele, Missouri, the daughter of William (Bud) and Estelle (Carlton) Alexander.
Joan retired from Huron Valley Girl Scout Council out of Ypsilanti, where she worked as an Administrative Assistant. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards, and going to casinos. Joan was very social and had many friends. She loved her family, most of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Joan married Gerald "Jerry" Anthony Bondie on June 20, 1959, in Belleville. He preceded her in death on January 6, 2006. She is survived by her son, Tony Bondie of Grayling; her daughter Carol (Jeff) Jack of Saline; brothers Hurshel Alexander of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Terry (Linda) Alexander of Ypsilanti; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and 6 nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sherri Ricketts; and sister, Kay Davis.
A memorial is being planned for a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

BONNIE DeGRAW
(June 17, 1956 – August 16, 2024)
Age 68, of Ypsilanti Township. BHS class of 1974. Survived by husband Henry, son Jack, grandsons Jackson and Cameron. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Aug. 29** – Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Redford Union HS, 5 p.m.; Girls JV Volleyball vs. Redford Union HS, 5 p.m.; Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Redford Union HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 3** – Girls Varsity Golf vs. Stevenson HS, 3 p.m., Willow Metropark GC; Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Riverview HS, 5 p.m.; Girls JV Volleyball vs. Riverview HS 5 p.m.; Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Riverview HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 4** – Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

Caroline Marie Bonanni

CAROLINE MARIE BONANNI
(June 21, 1930 – August 20, 2024)
Caroline Marie Bonanni, a cherished wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2024, at the age of 94. Her life was a testament to the power of love, kindness, and the joy she brought to those around her.
Born in Sumpter Township to Clara and Ernest Gustat, Caroline was the eldest of their daughters and graduated from Belleville High School in 1948. As a teen, her musical talent as an accordionist shined brightly. She performed on local radio and television and found great fulfillment in teaching others to play the accordion.
Caroline met the love of her life, Fred Bonanni, when she and a girlfriend decided to attend a veteran's dance in Detroit, an evening that would lead to 63 years of marriage. Together, they built a home in rural Sumpter Township, where Caroline would spend her entire life. The tranquility of the countryside was her sanctuary. She cultivated a beautiful flower garden, created a haven for birds in her backyard, and relished quiet moments on the porch with a book or crossword puzzle in hand.
Her passions were many. Caroline loved cooking and baking; her kitchen filled with the aromas of her creations. She had a whimsical love for collecting teddy bears and a gift for crafting heartfelt poems for those she loved. Her talents extended beyond the home, as she taught line dancing classes at the Sumpter Township Senior Center and the Van Buren Township Community Center for over 20 years, where she was adored by her students.
Caroline's generosity knew no bounds. She was always ready to lend a helping hand, whether it was babysitting a neighbor's child, surprising someone with a birthday treat, or offering a listening ear to anyone in need. She also enjoyed staying in touch with her sisters-in-law, Dora Bouchillon and Vilma DeMink. Her warmth and compassion touched everyone she met.
Even in her later years, Caroline embraced new challenges with enthusiasm. At 88, she got her first cell phone and quickly mastered texting, staying connected with her loved ones through technology. In one of her last messages, she left a wish that perfectly captured her spirit: "Finish your day with a smile."
Caroline is survived by her three daughters: Sharon Bonanni (Tom Marshall) of Maplewood, New Jersey; Diane Bonanni of Wakefield, Massachusetts; and Linda Clarke (Bruce) of Normandy Park, Washington; as well as her beloved grandson Greg Bonanni Simpson of Wakefield, Massachusetts. She also leaves behind her sister, Marge Wojick of Pinckney, Michigan, and many nieces and nephews. Caroline was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Fred, and her parents, Clara and Ernest Gustat.
Visitation was held on Friday, August 23, from at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Funeral services took place at the funeral home on Saturday, August 24, followed by interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue at http://www.friendsofmichigan.org or your favorite charity. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Carol Marie Brown

CAROL MARIE BROWN
(May 29, 1955 – August 21, 2024)
Carol Marie Brown, age 69, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at her home. She was born May 29, 1955, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Robert & Patricia Panackia. She graduated from Livonia High School, class of 1973. She was a wonderful mother who enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, swimming in her pool. Most of all Carol loved time spent with her grandchildren, and a close second was her love of animals.
Carol is survived by her husband of 22 years, Harvey Edward Brown; three sons Dan Olschanski of Belleville, MI, Rob (Patty) Olschanski of Hillman, MI, and Steve (Audrey) Olschanski of Belleville, MI; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; her mother Patricia Bartniczak of Port Huron, MI; three siblings Bob (Teri) Panackia of Michigan, Terri (Mark) Higdon and Jerome Panackia, both of Livonia, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father.
Visitation was Monday, with a Funeral Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment followed in Knollwood Memorial Park, 1299 Ridge Road N., Canton, MI.
Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

PENNY PINSON
(December 23, 1951 – August 14, 2024)
Age 72, of Taylor. Survived by brother Rick Wallace; nieces Kimberly, Deena, and Hannah. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Serving up the Hobo Dinner at the Van Buren Eagles Lodge on Friday were, from left, Keith Bruder, Jim Wagner, Jean Wilder, Freddie Bell, Linda Neuvirth and Ginger Bruder. The Bruders did the cooking to help raise funds for the work of the Eagles. They put together kielbasa, potatoes, corn on the cob, carrots, and onions – all cooked in a stainless-steel beer keg.

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- Monday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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VBT approves buying 14 mobile dash cameras for police cars over 5 years

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Aug. 20 unanimously approved buying 14 mobile dash cameras for police cars on a five-year contract with Motorola Solutions.

Currently the police department has three mobile cameras under contract with Motorola in its patrol fleet and the remaining 14 patrol units have older camera systems in the age range of 6-10 years, all out of warranty and with no repair coverage.

Police Chief Jason Wright said to replace the 14 camera systems ala carte is not cost effective, since the price goes up each year.

Chief Wright said by updating the 14 patrol unit mobile dash cameras under a five-year subscription plan, all patrol unit dash cameras will be integrated into a single system for video storage as well as warranty coverage.

"The entire patrol fleet mobile dash cameras system will be completely up-to-date with technology," he said. "And all 17 marked cars will have brand-new cameras."

By buying them all at once, the $12,000 are $10,000, and the township saves money.

The 2024 payment is $42,915 from the police technology line item. Payments for 2025-2028 are $29,302 each year from the contracted services line item. Total cost is $160,123.

Absent and excused from the Aug. 21 meeting were Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Sherry Frazier.

In other business at the 40-minute meeting, the board:

• Approved renewal of the vendor agreement between the police department and the Wayne and Romulus police departments and Hegira Health, Inc. for a shared behavioral clinician to be embedded with the consortium agencies. Cost is $18,091.83 for 2024, which is in the existing budget, and $36,183.67 for the 2025 budget. Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said the existing clinician, Anesha Williams, is with VBT police once a week and follows up on cases. She is available to co-respond to mental health calls with officers, follow-up with individuals in crisis, and provide for ongoing crisis stabilization services. He said mental health calls for service are down 20% since she started helping a year ago. He said the township had a grant for the service last year and has applied again for the grant this year. Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked them to find out how much runs have gone down for Romulus and Wayne so he can have that information for the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Network where the grant was obtained;

• Approved a three-year inter-governmental agreement with the city of Belleville to provide the city with Emergency 911, police and fire dispatch services, and a temporary lock-up facility for the police department with the cost of $204,372 in 2024, $210,502 in 2025, and $216,816 in 2026, which continues into 2027 while they negotiate the next agreement. The new agreement was approved by the city on Aug. 12;

• Approved paying DTE $33,907.20 for installing a new 120/240 volt ac, three-phase electric line extension for the 46425 Tyler Rd. lift station. The lift station is located behind the service garage and the current wiring system is undersized and has been damaged several times during construction of the community center. The current electric connection is to the community center and the line extension will come in about 200 feet south of the Quirk Road entrance. The line to the community center will be abandoned. It is 30 years old and it has never been able to run both pumps at the same time because of the electricity. Water and Sewer Director Larry Lawrence said 19 acres require this lift station and now a generator is running to power it at a cost of $6,000 a month;

• Heard several residents speak out against radioactive waste coming from New York to Van Buren Township's Wayne Disposal. McNamara said the non-hazardous contaminated waste is well within the ability of this landfill. He said this is the safest facility in the country and the township will monitor the routes as it always does. He said they are required to take I-94 to Rawsonville Road to the North Service Drive and then the half mile to the landfill. When asked about how much the township gets from the landfill, McNamara said it gets 50 cents a ton and about $800,000 a year and it doesn't fluctuate according to what is being brought in. He said several elected officials are holding a town hall on the issue at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 at Wayne County Community College;

• Heard Kim Smith of Morton Taylor Road say the speed limit is 55 mph on Morton Taylor between Ecorse and Van Born and people are speeding and accidents happening. A few hours earlier that same day there was another accident. She would like to have the speed reduced to at least 45 mph. It was pointed out this is a county road, but McNamara said the township can order and pay for the signs and then get the county to approve the reduction; and

• Heard Cassandra McDonald ask the board if the township is still committing unfair labor practices. She referred to the recently firing of the highly praised community center building administrator Stefan Harvey. McNamara said he would talk to her after the meeting.

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More Letters

Many questions about radioactive waste here

To the editor:

With all the environmental concerns going on in the world, I am baffled by the decisions which allowed the Manhattan Project's waste to come into our community.

So many questions. Why would anyone move radioactive waste? Why would it be moved hundreds or thousands of miles across state lines, over bridges, waterways and forests? What happens if it leaks, spills or what about the exposure of the driver transporting the waste? Why would it come to Michigan, of all states; one of the top sources for freshwater in the world? Aren't there better sites that aren't near fresh water where military devices or other testing occurs, namely out West? Belleville itself has a large fresh-water reservoir with rivers and streams interconnected. How will this waste be prevented from getting into our waterways?

This is absurd. Will our representatives do anything besides issue a statement? The only answer is to follow the money and answer the question, "Who got paid?" This is absurd and our community and our water will be the ones suffering in the future. We should be done with taking hazardous waste from the rest of the country and Canada.

Respectfully tired of being dumped on,
Marie Glodowski
Sumpter Township

Online petition drive targets radioactive waste

To the editor:

I'm reaching out on behalf of SAAVI (South Asian American Voices for Impact) and the Indian American Community of Michigan about an issue growing in their area.

Just two days ago, Chandru Acharya, a local community leader, launched a petition on Change.org, urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wayne County administration to halt the transport of radioactive waste to Belleville, Michigan. In less than 48 hours, over 700 concerned residents have signed the petition, highlighting the growing anxiety over the safety of their communities.

The petition underscores the grave risks posed by the transport of radioactive materials, including plutonium and uranium pellets, through residential neighborhoods in Belleville, Canton, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Romulus, and beyond.

Residents are deeply worried about the potential for catastrophic health impacts and irreversible environmental damage. The World Health Organization and the EPA have both identified exposure to these substances as leading to severe health issues, including cancer, and long-term environmental degradation.

This grassroots effort reflects a community on edge, demanding immediate action to protect their homes, families, and future generations. At Change.org, we believe anyone has the power to make a difference in their local community…You can find the petition at www.change.org/Belleville.

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VBT Plan

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things being done are sufficient."

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she sits in her office and sees them go by and she reports trucks to the police department.

"I don't want them there," she said, noting they are cleaned up for awhile and then they are back.

Dan Power, director of building and economic development, said they can find the numbers, but you wouldn't know where the trucks came from and they could have come from another facility.

Commissioner Jahr agreed that not every inbound truck is going to Costco.

It was mentioned that the construction on I-275 also could have altered truck routes.

Commissioner Atchinson said the map approved for the truckers needs to be shared with the township ordinance and police departments.

Commissioner Bernie Grant asked about signs and Power said they were just at the outbound exits at the site and none at Ecorse Road.

Power said Wayne County Roads has jurisdiction of the roads and they have to work with the county to get signage off site.

Hartsuff said they are going to the county to get those signs at the southwest corner of Ecorse.

Jahr said the burden should not be the entire obligation of this applicant.

The preliminary site plan was approved, with stipulations that they work on inbound and outbound routes of truckers.

Power noted that a public hearing is set for Aug. 28 for rezoning of property to the west of Costco, plus a couple of other matters.

Public hearing on new gas station

A public hearing was held on a proposal to construct a new gasoline filling station, convience store, and drive-thru restaurant with five diesel fueling pumps and 16 regular gasoline fueling pumps at the northwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads.

Director Power said after the public hearing, the staff will determine when the proposal is ready to be put on the agenda for review by the commission for action.

Applicant Frank Jarbou of Symmetry Management is seeking a special land use for the gas pumps and the drive-thru service.

The site is located on 2.25 acres of property split from seven parcels with a total area of 4.46 acres. The site is directly across Ecorse Road from the site recently announced for a Sheetz gas station/restaurant and across Haggerty Road from a present truck stop.

Jarbou told the commission his family has owned this property for 30 years and his brother has owned the gas station at Ecorse and Hannan for 40 years.

He said he didn't like the Sheetz layout and wanted curb appeal. He said he talked to three neighbors to the west and they are all for his plan.

He questioned whether another fueling station was needed and people are opposed to Sheetz. Now a local property owner wants to develop.

Just one person spoke at the public hearing. Ali Salame, of the truck stop at 41358 Ecorse Rd., said the developer really is building a truck stop and freeway zoning is required for that. He said the drive-thru restaurant is nothing new and the Hannan/Ecorse location has that.

Salame said this proposal should be denied because it will intensify conditions of a flood-prone area and adversely affect the community. Salame noted that the developer himself complained about the Sheetz plan.

"It's not OK for Sheetz. OK for him?" Salame asked.

He said the area doesn't need another gas station, since business has declined 20% and stations are struggling to sustain themselves.

He asked if there had been any soil testing. He said in 2000 when they built the truck stop across the street they found the settling and shifting of the silt and clay did not allow for the intended use. He said they had to spend $975,000 to remove the soil and then replace it with gravel, then compact it to support the structure. He said that amount would be $2 million to $2.5 million today.

In other business, the commission:

• Accepted the VBT Economic Development and Marketing Plan that was in front of the commission in late July. It has been reformatted and changes made as the commission suggested. It is planned to be on the township board's first meeting agenda in September for consideration;

• Approved the landscaping plan modification for Menards at 10010 Belleville Rd. to allow for a gated express lane entry into the store's lumber yard. This would make a reduction of a roughly 160-foot-long section of the site's northern greenbelt to a width of less than 20 feet. Pat Rewald from Menards in Wisconsin said this change will help them stay competitive and 345 of their 370 stores have made the change. It allows smoother customer service, he said;

• Heard Commissioner Atchinson ask for updates on the Chick-fil-A and Pulte Homes developments and Power said Chick-fil-A hasn't reached out to the township yet, but they had been asked for a traffic study. He said Pulti Homes is having ongoing discussions, since it is part of a planned unit development. Power said the senior highrise on Belleville Road is still under construction and Hampton Manor onTyler Road still has to have sod installed and a screening wall in front of the generator and the township is holding a substantial amount of money until this is done. The certificate of occupancy has been issued; and

• Heard Treasurer Budd comment that a friend of hers said she is moving into her apartment in the development on Belleville Road in September.

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More Letters

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To the editor:

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George W. Bush

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Pete Pitzen, chairman
VFW Flag Program

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'Read between the lines'

To the editor:

Before you cast your vote, I urge you to read Project 2025. (Google Wikipedia)

I'm proud to be an American.

When was America NOT great?

Patricia Riemer
Van Buren Township

" Anyone who stops learning is old whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. "
– Henry Ford

Many thanks to Hilary Savage at library

To the editor:

I want to give a big shout out to Hilary Savage from the Belleville Area District Library for her help in getting my information to the Belleville Area Museum.

Elliot Sala

Thanks, Donna Stewart, for yard sale planning

To the editor:

I just want to give a huge shoutout and thank you to Donna Stewart for the planning, organizing and executing of the Sumpter Community Yard Sale.

I think it was a huge success and hope it becomes an annual event. It is great for community, the vendors/participants and for the shoppers.

Hopefully this will be an annual event and maybe next year the township will provide dumpsters for the leftover items that the vendors don't want to take back home. Question: It is possible to have food vendors set up during the event?

Wendy Snook
Sumpter Township resident

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8** – City of Belleville citywide yard sale. Residents do not need permits. If you want to rent a space for a booth at Victory Park, call Reg Ion at (734) 732-2472 or email him at rion2004@comcast.net .

• **Saturday, Sept. 7** – Faith Denton United Methodist Church invites you to a fellowship dinner feature ham and bean soup, hot ham and cheese sandwiches. A love offering will be taken. Faith Denton is at 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 483-2276.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For $15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.

• **Saturday, Sept. 21** – Faith Denton United Methodist Church invites you to a Paint in the Spirit event with a Christian artist from the Methodist Church. You paint what the spirit tells you to. Cost is $25 for materials which will be provided by the artist. Register by Sept. 14 so supplies can be obtained. Call (734) 483-2276. The church is at 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 8** – Bethany Bible Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its daycare.

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VBT senior citizens say they are unhappy with changes to program

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A group of a dozen senior citizens who live in Van Buren Township sat down with the *Independent* on Friday to tell the paper that that no one else wants to listen to their complaints about the current township senior program.

A big complaint is the arthritis exercise class that used to bring up to 30 people, including men, before the seniors were moved to Haggerty School so the community center could be built. At Haggerty School the number dropped to 15-20. Now that they are back to the senior center, two to four exercisers show up for classes.

One senior said the cost of the arthritis exercise class doubled from $2 to $4 each. You have to pay upfront for two weeks of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes. And, if you are ill, have a doctor's appointment, or can't come for another reason, you cannot cancel and that session still has to be paid for.

One senior said she asked if they couldn't program it with computers and get credits and not have to be charged when they weren't there. She said she was told that would be a "nightmare" and it wasn't even considered.

She said they went to the senior activities programmer to ask her for help and the programmer said she would look into it. She said the programmer came back with the answer: "Too bad. That's just the way it is."

Seniors said they told the official that they will go to the Canton or Sumpter Township senior programs and they were told to go ahead and leave and VBT will get more seniors.

The seniors said they do not wish to have their names used with their comments in this report because they are afraid of retaliation.

Another senior said she stopped going to the senior center classes because she couldn't afford them. Now she exercises alone at home with a YouTube video. But, she misses the companionship.

She said people in the classes are like family and hug each other and inquire about their well-being. Everybody knows their names.

Another senior said her Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance will pay for the arthritis exercise classes, but it takes paperwork from the township and, she said, the senior programmer refuses to work on it.

The township is catering to the teens, with bucket seats and big windows in their area and trying to eliminate the seniors, they said.

They give Director Elizabeth Renaud a reason for not understanding the seniors and that's because she's too young. One senior said Director Renaud doesn't mingle with the seniors and, "She just stands by the door and watches us."

The past two senior directors always welcomed the seniors and came to their classes to speak to them, the seniors said.

The exercise class instructor has advised them she is quitting because she has been told she won't be paid for three months, a month following the two-month session.

"The township's not a bank," another senior said. "They are after the almighty dollar… They are pushing us away."

One said the township was going to charge seniors more than the $20 a year dues it had charged in the past, but seniors complained so they kept it at $20.

Sumpter Township charges $15 per year for non-resident seniors and all the classes are free. Van Buren Township seniors say the atmosphere is wonderful in Sumpter and Mary Ann Watson, its director, works very hard and interacts with seniors, but it's not the same because they are not with the familiar family they have learned to love.

Instead of paying for the exercise class, some have begun using the exercise machine in the community center that they are able to use for their $20 senior dues fee up to 3 p.m., but no weekends.

One said she did not know how to use the machine, but other people exercising showed her how.

The cardio drumming classes went up to $6 each and so seniors are going, instead, for drumming to the Belleville Methodist Church, which is free with donations, or to Sumpter Township.

There are no more volunteer clerks at the Van Buren Senior Center, said a senior who had volunteered for 18 years. "They got rid of me."

And, the seniors said they also got rid of the senior library, "a room full of books," and replaced it with a shelf of six books.

Another said the handbook with 29 pages of fees and rules for the community center/senior center is only on line, although one said she was able to get a printed handbook.

The seniors said the township didn't have an advance meeting with them and ask them what they wanted to see in the new senior center. They felt they were not treated with respect. They say all they want is everything they had before.

"Nobody wants to listen. They are losing a lot of seniors," a woman said.

One senior wondered if Supervisor Kevin McNamara even knows about the seniors' problems.

On Tuesday, deputy supervisor Dan Selman said the supervisor's office is always open and they are glad to talk with anyone.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES - AUGUST 20, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Parks Locke, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Police Chief Wright, Deputy Police Chief Monte and an audience of 6.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to approve the amended agenda removing New Business Item #5: To consider approval of Resolution 2024-11: Updated VBC Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024, Prepaid List of July 18, 2024, Prepaid List of July 25, 2024, Prepaid List of August 1, 2024, Voucher List of August 6, 2024, Prepaid List of August 8, 2024, Prepaid List of August 15, 2024, Voucher List of August 20, 2024. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The DDA is hosting a Safe Streets Public Survey Open House on August 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at the VBC; Congresswoman Debbie Dingell thanked the Township for the use of the VBC for her Social Security roundtable event last week; Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a bill on August 15 co-sponsored by Representative Reggie Miller creating a license plate to raise funds for Michigan 4-H at the VBC; a resident send a letter thanking Officer Perez for his compassion and kindness in assisting her; and Congresswoman Dingle, Representative Miller, and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans will be holding a town hall meeting to discuss the waste being relocated from New York to Van Buren Township at Wayne County Community College on September 5th.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Three residents expressed their concern about waste being transported from New York to the hazardous waste facility in Van Buren Township and a resident requested a speed limit sign and or reduction in speed limit on Morton Taylor between Ecorse and Van Born due to safety concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve a five-year contract with Motorola Solutions for Patrol Vehicle Mobile Dash Cameras to purchase 14 Mobile Cameras using a five-year subscription plan to be paid from Technology 101-301-817-000 in the first year and Contracted Services 101-301-819-000 in years 2-5. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the renewal of the vendor agreement between the Van Buren Police Department, Wayne Police Department, Romulus Police Department and Hegira Health Inc. for a shared Behavioral Clinician to be embedded with the consortium agencies. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve a three-year renewal of the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Belleville to provide Emergency 911, police and fire dispatch services, and a temporary lock-up facility for the police department. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the DTE line extension for the 46425 Tyler Road Lift Station in the amount of $33,907.20 to be paid from Capital Outlay- Lift Station Fund 592-537-971-000. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A resident complimented the Van Buren Township Police Department and commented on perceived unfair labor practices at the Township.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: August 29, 2024

City of Belleville Public Notice

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BELLEVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

The City of Belleville's City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the 5-Year Parks Plan.

The City Council will conduct its public hearing on September 3, 2024, at 7:30 PM, during the regular City of Belleville City Council meeting, at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Copies of the plan will be available for inspection by the public at the Office of the City Manager, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the hearing record is closed on September 3, 2024 Written comments should be sent to the City of Belleville's City Manager, Jason Smith, at 6 Main St, Belleville, MI, 48111.

Briana Hootman
Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: 08/29/2024

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 353 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 18:

0210 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Birch Dr.
0318 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0500 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0537 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Anna Dr.
0633 – animal complaint, Coolidge St.
1035 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1139 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1217 – 911 welfare check, Winchester St.
1232 – private property/property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1319 --- property damage accident, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1427 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1524 – neighbor trouble, Harmony Ln.
1640 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1711 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1916 – animal complaint, Jackson Ln.
1906 – assist fire dept., Beck Rd./Ayres Ave.
2032 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2046 – malicious destruction of property, Outer
2053 – intrusion alarm, Sadie Ln.
2212 – fireworks, Wildrye Ct.
2347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Elwell Rd./Harbour Pointe Ct.

Monday, Aug. 19:

0113 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
0141 – domestic, Sunrise Ln.
0244 – overdose, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0422 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0515 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, N. Woodbury Dr.
0805 – traffic offense, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0849 – suicidal person, Farm Rd.
0938 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1044 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildbrook Dr.
1017 – domestic, Colony Ln.
1058 – larceny from auto, Sylvia Dr.
1027 – domestic, Richard Run Dr.
1119 – private property impound, Westlake
1251 – civil matter, Ironwood Dr.
1346 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
1432 – family trouble, Oak ln.
1517 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1527 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1607 – animal complaint, Edgar Ave.
1657 – assist fire dept., N. Cumberland Dr.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Marriott Ave.
1720 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd.
1843 – road hazard, S. Timberview Dr.
1836 – suicidal person, Water's Edge Ln.
2006 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green Ln.
2111 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
2140 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Greenwood Dr.
2158 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2209 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:

xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
0227 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0717 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
0904 – assist fire dept., Chatsworth Dr.
0940 – intrusion alarm, Milton Dr.
0940 – prisoner transport, Juv. Detention
0955 – unattended death, Rawsonville Rd.
0957 – property damage accident, Hoeft Rd./Bog
1007 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1040 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1108 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1213 – vehicle lockout, Van Buren St.
1227 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1311 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
1329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1447 – fraud, Wildbrook Dr.
1546 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ladonna Ln.
1706 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1817 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1830 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1830 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1829 – civil matter, Stamford Rd.
1830 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1830 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Born Rd.
1921 – breaking & entering, Victoria St.
1925 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2016 – traffic offense, Briarcliff Dr.
2022 – parking complaint, Arborview Ln.
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, North Shore Dr.
2147 – PPO violation, Redwood Dr.
2148 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
2233 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
2249 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2244 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 21:

0233 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0728 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Basswood Cir.
0904 – dumping complaint, Beck/Ecorse
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
1348 – parking complaint, Sondra Dr./Belle Pointe
1326 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1349 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./ Visteon Way
1429 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – assist citizen, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Filmore St.
1544 – domestic, Edgedale Dr.
1557 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1558 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1706 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service
1841 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1842 – civil matter, Stamford Rd.
1930 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1955 – 911 welfare check, E. Michigan Ave./Ecorse Rd.
2016 – disorderly, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2029 – assist citizen, Bak Rd.
2042 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
2113 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2119 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2354 – animal complaint, Ruthan Dr.
2127 – disorderly, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2247 – welfare check, Dalton Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 22:

0123 – sexual assault, Tyler Rd.
0253 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0450 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0515 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0752 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
0815 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
0849 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1056 – disorderly, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1130 – parking complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
1259 – private property impound, Ash Dr.
1330 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Chandler
xxxx – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1444 – assault & battery, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1450 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1527 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.
1559 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1628 – 911 welfare check, Country Ln.
1630 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Beacon Trl.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1745 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1924 – assist fire dept., Landmark
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
2200 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
2203 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2220 – family trouble, Arlene
2302 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Aug. 23:

0146 – assist fire dept., Zachary St.
0307 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
0324 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
0626 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Dewitt Rd.
1224 – larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.
1242 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Independence Ln.
1245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1305 – welfare check, Meadows Cir.
1318 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1403 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1505 – animal complaint, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1557 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1720 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
1733 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1945 – breaking & entering, Stratford Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2107 – family trouble, Hannan Rd.
2134 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
2349 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harbor Ln./Lilac Ln.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 24:

0204 – lost property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0236 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0327 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0527 – parking complaint, Briarcliff Dr.
0843 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0904 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service
1032 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
1033 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1109 – private property/property damage accident, W. Walden Dr.
1125 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
1259 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
1441 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
1522 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.
1802 – property damage accident, Van Born/ Haggerty Rd.
1842 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1857 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd.
1910 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.
2048 – traffic offense, Park Estates
2045 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
2142 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2154 – noise complaint, Arlene
2218 – intrusion alarm, Village Center Dr.
2228 – juvenile complaint, Lake Point Pass
2325 – noise complaint, Arlene
2337 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2354 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Pass

Also, on this week's log are 154 traffic stops, 32 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 18:

0914 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Potter Dr.
0949 – 911 welfare check, Madelon St.
xxxx – civil matter, Main St.
1750 – civil matter, Main St.
1930 – welfare check, E. Wabash Ave.

Monday, Aug. 19:

0755 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1319 – welfare check, Anaheim St.
1514 – follow up by officer, Anaheim St.
1618 – animal complaint, Robbe St.
2247 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:

0007 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
0037 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Belleville
0106 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
0221 – suicidal person, Loza Ln.
0843 – motorist assist, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
0933 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1433 – parking complaint, Main St.
1418 – background investigation, Main St.
1419 – follow up by officer, Willis Rd.
1433 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1637 – property damage accident, Second St. / N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Aug. 21:

0547 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
0941 – assist citizen, N. Liberty St./First St.
1102 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./Denton Rd.
1112 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belle Villa Blvd.
1130 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Potter Dr.
1558 – ordinance violation - 7300 MICR codes, N. Liberty St.
xxxx – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1928 – welfare check, High St.
1927 – animal complaint, Anaheim St.

Thursday, Aug. 22:

0235 – property check, Bait Shop Plaza
0845 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wexford Ave.
0914 – fraud, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1936 – animal complaint, Estrada Dr.

Friday, Aug. 23:

2045 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2135 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
2348 – warrant arrest, Wick Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 24:

0051 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
1334 – dumping complaint, N. Liberty St.
1516 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
2353 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

There are 109 reports on this week's log and 68 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 18:

0113 – motorist assist, California St./Willis Rd.
0244 – felony warrant arrest, Belleville/I-94
0406 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0421 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
0424 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0436 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Savage
0921 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0921 – welfare check, Colorado St.
1046 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1150 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1206 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1259 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1422 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1430 – harassment complaint, Arizona St.
1446 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1517 – welfare check, Delaware St.
1859 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Elwell
2205 – possession of narcotics, Rawsonville Rd./ Judd Rd.
2253 – 911 hang up, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.

Monday, Aug. 19:

0126 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis
0305 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0824 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Willis Rd.
0937 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0940 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Clay
1425 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1638 – fraud complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2005 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2105 – personal injury accident, Willow/Sumpter
2234 – follow-up investigation, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:

0311 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
0721 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
0830 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0940 – assault, Mulberry Dr.
1110 – shots fired, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1312 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1424 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1520 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Harris

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1533 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Wear
1558 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1616 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1714 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Judd
1726 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1728 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willow
1750 – assault, California Dr./Dakota Ct.
1853 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Elwell
1855 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2050 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2141 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2242 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2316 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Bemis

Wednesday, Aug. 21:
0032 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0542 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Bemis
0658 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0851 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
0950 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1024 – harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1142 – larceny, Mulberry Dr.
1313 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1659 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1736 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1805 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1934 – civil matter, Washington St.
2023 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2036 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2104 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2117 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2215 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
2302 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 22:
0003 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Willis
0049 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
0252 – civil matter, Colorado St.
1048 – animal complaint, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1547 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1621 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1916 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1939 – suspicious person, Delaware St.
2226 – suspicious person, Tulip Dr.

Friday, Aug. 23:
0908 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1020 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1022 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1035 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1058 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Boyd Dr.
1311 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
1526 – disorderly person, Tulip Dr.
1831 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1923 – family trouble, Magnolia
1958 – welfare check, Kansas St.
2155 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
2201 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2229 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2300 – shots fired, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2325 – felony warrant arrest, out of township

Saturday, Aug. 24:
0101 – 911 hangup, Magnolia
0148 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0556 – suspicious person, Arizona St.
0613 – animal complaint, Kozma Rd./Sumpter
0728 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Arkona
0924 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell/Wear
1036 – assist other agency, 39000 bl Judd Rd.
1146 – assist other agency, Utah Ct.
1233 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1727 – suspicious vehicle, Arkona Rd./Sherwood
1731 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1924 – family trouble, Ohio St.
2011 – special unit detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2101 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
2227 – noise complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2244 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.

Also on this week's log are 162 patrol checks, 54 traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director

And now it begins! Friday is the beginning of what I lovingly call Tiger Fridays. BHS football is away this week at Clarkston. Time to wear our orange and black! GO TIGERS all the way to Ford Field.

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Angel Food Catering at 44850 N. I-94 Service Drive will have tickets available on Sept. 1 for its third-annual Cider Fest & Corn Roast on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon to 5 p.m. With more than 40 crafters/vendors, food, pony rides, bounce house, games and more it will be a great afternoon for your friends and family.

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Last week the Belleville Area Council for the Arts advertised for artists for its 15th-annual Community Art Show, this year at the BYC. You have a month to get it in, but you probably shouldn't wait until the last minute. Let's not put it off until you miss the deadline – Enter at www.bacaart.org

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

City-wide yard sale on Sept 7-8 offers $15 spaces at Victory Park

As a fund raiser, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is leasing spaces at Victory Park for the annual city-wide yard sale, Sept. 7-8. This was approved by the city council on Aug. 12.

Reg Ion of BACA invites members of the public who want to have a yard sale at the park on those days to contact him for pre-sale of a space by the end of August.

He said donation is $15 per day, rain or shine, and then $20 per space on the days of the sale.

Those interested may call Ion on his cell phone at (734) 732-2472 or email him at rion2004@comcast.net .

Court Watching

Mohamad Youssef-Ali Bakkar

Mohamad Youssef-Ali Bakkar, 73, of Canton was charged with furnishing tobacco to a minor on July 22 in the city of Belleville. At his arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 21, he pled guilty to the charge. His attorney said he was ticketed and paid the ticket at once.

He told Judge Oakley he sold tobacco to a 19 year old in the city of Belleville. He was sentenced to a six-month delayed sentence and the charge will be dismissed if there are no further problems and he pays the $300 fee levied.

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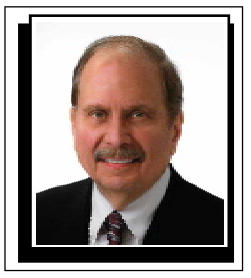

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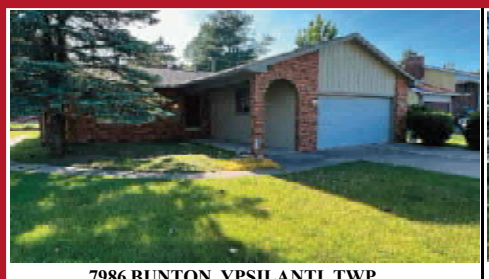

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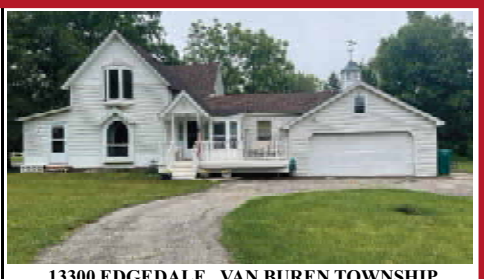

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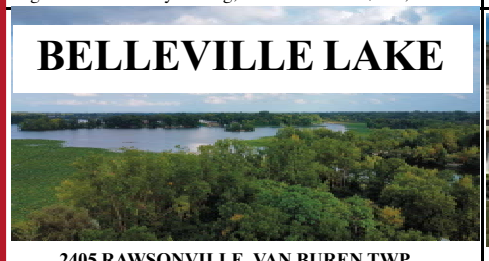

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